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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Essential Air Service at

ATHENS, GEORGIA

Under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Docket OST-2002-11348-5

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

Summary

By this order, the Department is extending CCAIR's service obligation at Athens, Georgia, for an additional 30 days, through June 17, 2002.¹

Background

On January 17, 2002, CCAIR, Inc., d/b/a US Airways Express (CCAIR), filed a 90-day notice of its intent to suspend its subsidy-free service at Athens, Georgia, effective April 14, 2002. By Order 2002-2-14, February 15, 2002, the Department prohibited CCAIR from suspending service at the community for an initial 30-day period, through May 17, 2002, and requested proposals, with subsidy if necessary, from carriers interested in providing replacement service.

Corporate Airlines has filed a subsidy proposal for service at Athens. However, since this case will not be completed before the end of the current hold-in period, and as required by 49 U.S.C. 41734, we must continue to hold CCAIR in at Athens for an additional 30-day period.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(5).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. The Department requires CCAIR, Inc., d/b/a US Airways Express, to maintain essential air service at Athens, Georgia, consisting of at least three nonstop or one-stop round trips each weekday and weekend period between Athens and Charlotte for an additional 30-day period,

¹ Since June 16th is a Sunday, this hold-in period will end on Monday, June 17th. (See 14 CFR 302.16)

through June 17, 2002, or until a carrier capable of providing reliable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first;²

2. The Department directs CCAIR to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documents to support subsidy claims for payment and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;

3. Docket OST-2002-11348 will remain open until further order of the Department; and

4. The Department will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and Airport Manager of Athens-Clarke County, and CCAIR, Inc., d/b/a US Airways Express.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

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² In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Northwest Airlin's service obligation for successive 30-day periods as necessary until replacement service actually begins.